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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Wool Tops—Contracts and Agreements for Sale and Purchase between—
Commonwealth Government and Whiddon Brothers Limited.

Commonwealth Government and The Colonial Combing, Spinning, and Weaving Company Limited.

Colonial Combing, Spinning, and Weaving Company Limited and—
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Limited.

Iwai and Company Limited.

F. Kanematsu.

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Whiddon Brothers Limited and F. Kanematsu.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Promotion of A. J. Rutherford, Postmaster-General's Department.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 182.

3. WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Tudor, viz. :—That after the word "That" the following words be inserted :—"in the opinion of this House the Bill is utterly inadequate and signally fails to place upon wealth its due share of the expenses of the war"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Pigott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
General Abbott^a, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Groom, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald^a, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie^a, Mr. Salmon^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.